

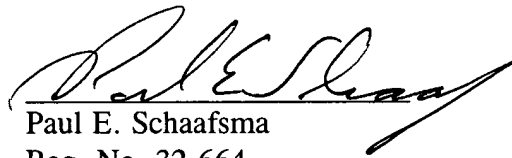
## REMARKS

Responsive to the Office Action mailed 20 March 2002, the Applicants elect, without traverse, claims 37 – 39, 41 and 42. Applicant also amends claim 45 to correct its dependency (a marked-up version is set forth in the Appendix). Please proceed with examination. Applicant, of course, reserves the right to file a divisional application covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1450. A duplicate copy of this correspondence is enclosed for such purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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## APPENDIX

Claim 45. (Amended) The malleable surgical clamp of claim 43 [44] wherein the receiving end is a socket and the outwardly projecting engaging end is substantially hemispherically shaped.